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Idaho Milk Production up 6.2 Percent

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Idaho milk production during October 2007 totaled 987 million pounds, a 6.2 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 8 million pounds from September 2007. Average milk production per cow in October 2007 was 1,890 pounds, up 10 pounds from September 2007, and up 20 pounds from October 2006. The average number of milk cows during October was 522,000 head, up 1,000 head from September 2007 and up 25,000 head from October 2006.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2006. September revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from September 2006. The September revision represented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,699 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 98,000 head more than October 2006, and 13,000 head more than September 2007.

Average Number of Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, October 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	175	184	1,720	1,850	301	340	13.0
California	1,778	1,826	1,815	1,870	3,227	3,415	5.8
Colorado	112	120	1,920	1,925	215	231	7.4
Florida	129	126	1,185	1,200	153	151	-1.3
Idaho	497	522	1,870	1,890	929	987	6.2
Illinois	103	103	1,550	1,490	160	153	-4.4
Indiana	165	166	1,640	1,685	271	280	3.3
Iowa	208	215	1,640	1,630	341	350	2.6
Kansas	112	109	1,680	1,740	188	190	1.1
Kentucky	95	87	1,050	1,090	100	95	-5.0
Michigan	321	341	1,840	1,865	591	636	7.6
Minnesota	450	463	1,515	1,525	682	706	3.5
Missouri	115	109	1,240	1,190	143	130	-9.1
New Mexico	360	336	1,675	1,820	603	612	1.5
New York	630	626	1,550	1,630	977	1,020	4.4
Ohio	274	277	1,440	1,460	395	404	2.3
Oregon	117	113	1,570	1,560	184	176	-4.3
Pennsylvania	552	551	1,600	1,610	883	887	0.5
Texas	340	348	1,650	1,700	561	592	5.5
Vermont	140	140	1,485	1,510	208	211	1.4
Virginia	102	100	1,370	1,400	140	140	-
Washington	236	242	1,910	1,930	451	467	3.5
Wisconsin	1,244	1,249	1,555	1,615	1,934	2,017	4.3
23 State Total	8,255	8,353	1,652	1,699	13,637	14,190	4.1

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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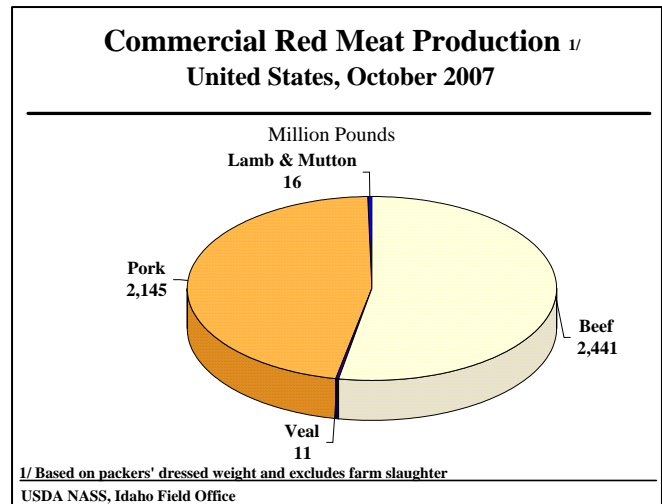
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Idaho Red Meat Production Up 96 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2007 totaled 18.4 million pounds, up 96 percent from last year. October production was up 16 percent from September 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2007 period totaled 144 million pounds, down 34 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006. Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,200 head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

January to October 2007 commercial red meat production was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	October 2006	September 2007	October 2007	October 2007 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				October 2006	September 2007
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	142.5	122.2	145.9	102	119
Colorado	152.3	157.7	185.7	122	118
IDAHO	9.4	15.9	18.4	196	116
Illinois	252.4	232.0	278.3	110	120
Iowa	599.0	532.4	651.8	109	122
Kansas	500.1	477.5	555.1	111	116
Minnesota	217.9	186.7	231.0	106	124
Montana	2.0	1.4	1.5	75	110
Nebraska	639.5	586.2	679.7	106	116
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	156	135
Oklahoma	92.8	81.0	94.8	102	117
Oregon	4.8	4.5	5.3	110	119
South Dakota	83.7	86.0	106.1	127	123
Texas	412.1	369.9	452.5	110	122
Utah	46.2	42.9	49.4	107	115
Washington	72.4	72.6	77.7	107	107
Wyoming	0.3	0.5	0.3	98	60
UNITED STATES	4,197.2	3,864.1	4,613.5	110	119

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 18 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on November 1, 2007 totaled 235,000 head, 18 percent below the November 1, 2006 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory increased 25,000 head from the number on hand October 1, 2007. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during October totaled 69,000 head, down 2,000 head from October 2006 placements. Marketings during October totaled 43,000 head, down 7,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during October, unchanged from October 2006.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007.

The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006 but 3 percent above November 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.67 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 855,000, 600-699 pounds were 745,000, 700-799 pounds were 556,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during October, 42 percent below 2006 and 19 percent below 2005.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	November 1, 2006	October 1, 2007	November 1, 2007		
			Number	As % of 2006	As % of October
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	342	350	360	105	103
California	530	540	545	103	101
Colorado	1,130	940	1,030	91	110
Idaho	285	210	235	82	112
Iowa	490	510	550	112	108
Kansas	2,550	2,310	2,420	95	105
Nebraska	2,440	2,140	2,400	98	112
New Mexico	141	133	134	95	101
Oklahoma	360	325	335	93	103
South Dakota	190	180	205	108	114
Texas	2,990	2,840	3,000	100	106
Washington	181	154	166	92	108
Other States	340	335	380	112	113
United States	11,969	10,967	11,760	98	107

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on October 31, 2007, totaled 914 million pounds, an increase of 5 percent from September 30, 2007, and up 6 percent from October 31, 2006. Other frozen potatoes, at 221 million pounds, increased 5 percent from September 30, 2007 stocks and increased 7 percent from last year.

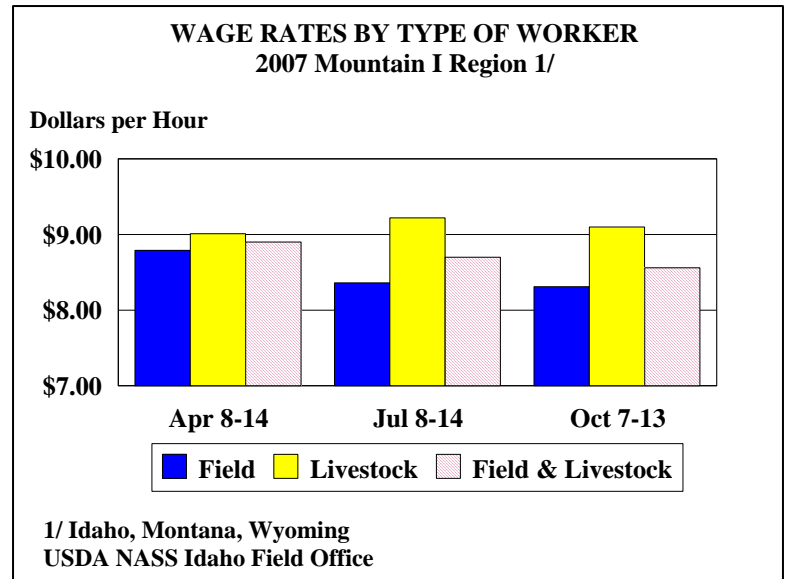
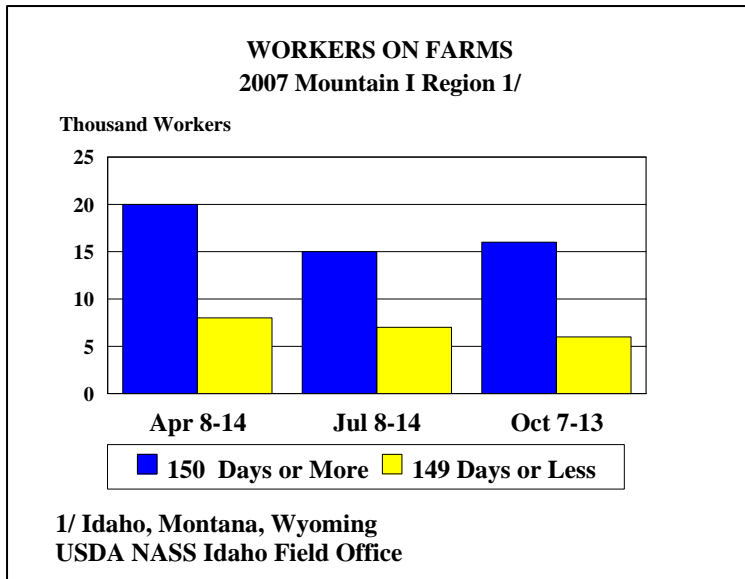
United States stocks of butter on October 31, 2007, totaled 195 million pounds, down 19 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 24 percent from October 2006. Of the 195 million pounds, the government owned 24 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 520 million pounds, down 3 percent from September 30, 2007 and October 31, 2006. Of the 520 million pounds of American cheese, the government owned 881 million pounds.

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2006	Sept. 30, 2007	Oct. 31, 2007	2007 2006
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
POTATOES				
French Fries	859,605	868,810	914,195	106
Other Frozen	206,994	211,157	220,932	107
Total	1,066,599	1,079,967	1,135,127	106
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	157,571	240,254	195,360	124
(Gov't Owned)	207	30	24	12
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	533,893	536,207	520,131	97
(Gov't Owned)	360	752	881	245

October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 22,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2007, down 2,000 from a year ago. Hired workers worked an average of 50.7 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$9.00 per hour, down fifty five cents from last year at this time.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.33 per hour during the October 2007 reference week, up 37 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.62 per hour, up 36 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.72 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 42.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up fractionally from a year ago.



Look for the 2007 Census of Agriculture in early January.